(c) the details of reports and findings of enquiry into this incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) On 07-10-1999, on account of unprecedented torrential rains in Calcutta area, the Howrah Yard and Coaching Depot were completely water logged and all lines other than Platform lines were totally inaccessible. This caused a complete disruption of trains services and all the passengers in entire region were stranded. It was, therefore, decided, in the public interest, to run some trains by maintenance at the Platform line instead of the Coaching Depot which was inaccessible.

The rake of 3030 DN, Coal Field Express was placed at Platform Number 14 for safety examination for despatch as 3029 UP. Shri Joydeep Das was in the gang deputed to carry out safety examination of the rake. Shri Das, while performing his work was accidentally electrocuted due to discharge from the overhead 25 KV traction power line under excessively wet weather.

(b) As stated above, maintenance of rakes had to be carried out at the Platform instead of Coaching Depot due to unavoidable and extreme circumstances, entirely in the Public interest.

(c) A Committee of three Divisional Officers enquired into the case and it concluded that during performance of his duty. Shri Das was accidentally electrocuted due to discharge from overhead 25 KV power line under extremely wet conditions, not resulting from any negligence.

Travel Concession To Senior Citizens

1799. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thers is any proposal to provide fifty percent travel concession to Senior Citizens; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.